



ARCH², Inc. - Cultural Resources Consultants
Archaeology and Architectural History

Nancy L. Zerbe, President

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New Brunswick Historical Association
c/o New Brunswick Free Public Library
60 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Dear Historical Association,

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, ARCH², Inc. is conducting a cultural resources investigation for Amtrak's New Jersey High Speed Rail Improvement Project. This project, which received federal funds in 2011 from the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation via the Federal Railroad Administration, consists of:

- Upgrades or replacement of catenary, power, track, and signal systems on approximately 23 miles of the Northeast Corridor (NEC) from milepost 56 in Hamilton Township, Mercer County to milepost 32.95 in New Brunswick, Middlesex County
- Construction of a new substation within Amtrak's Adams MOW Yard in North Brunswick
- Construction of two new power frequency converter units on PSEG property at 234 Pierson Avenue, Edison
- Abandonment of the existing aerial lines and steel structures that run between the PSEG property and the Northeast Corridor and replacing them with cables that will run within existing underground conduits
- Use of the Morrisville, Barracks, Fairgrounds, Midway, Adams MOW, Studebaker, and County Yards for equipment storage during construction
- Fencing / guide rail installation at specific locations where there are safety concerns (e.g., Dean Pond's Lane and Schalks access road)
- Interlocking improvements at New York Penn Station

The purpose of the cultural resources investigation is to identify significant archaeological or historic architectural resources that may be affected by the proposed project. As the Section 106 review process encourages participation by individuals and

organizations knowledgeable in historic resources, we are reaching out to you to ask for your input. We have enclosed for your reference:

- an overview map showing the 23-mile length of the project corridor; and
- two maps depicting the specific project locations within the City of New Brunswick on the New Brunswick USGS quadrangle sheet.

If you have any information on the existence of historic resources or comments on the proposed project's potential effects to historic resources in any part of the project area, please fill out and return to ARCH², Inc. the enclosed response form. As part of your response, please let us know if you are interested in receiving either a paper or electronic copy of the cultural resources report when it has been finalized.

To help us maintain our schedule, we would appreciate your comments within 30 days of the receipt of this letter. If you have any questions about the process or your role, please do not hesitate to call me at 732-906-8203.

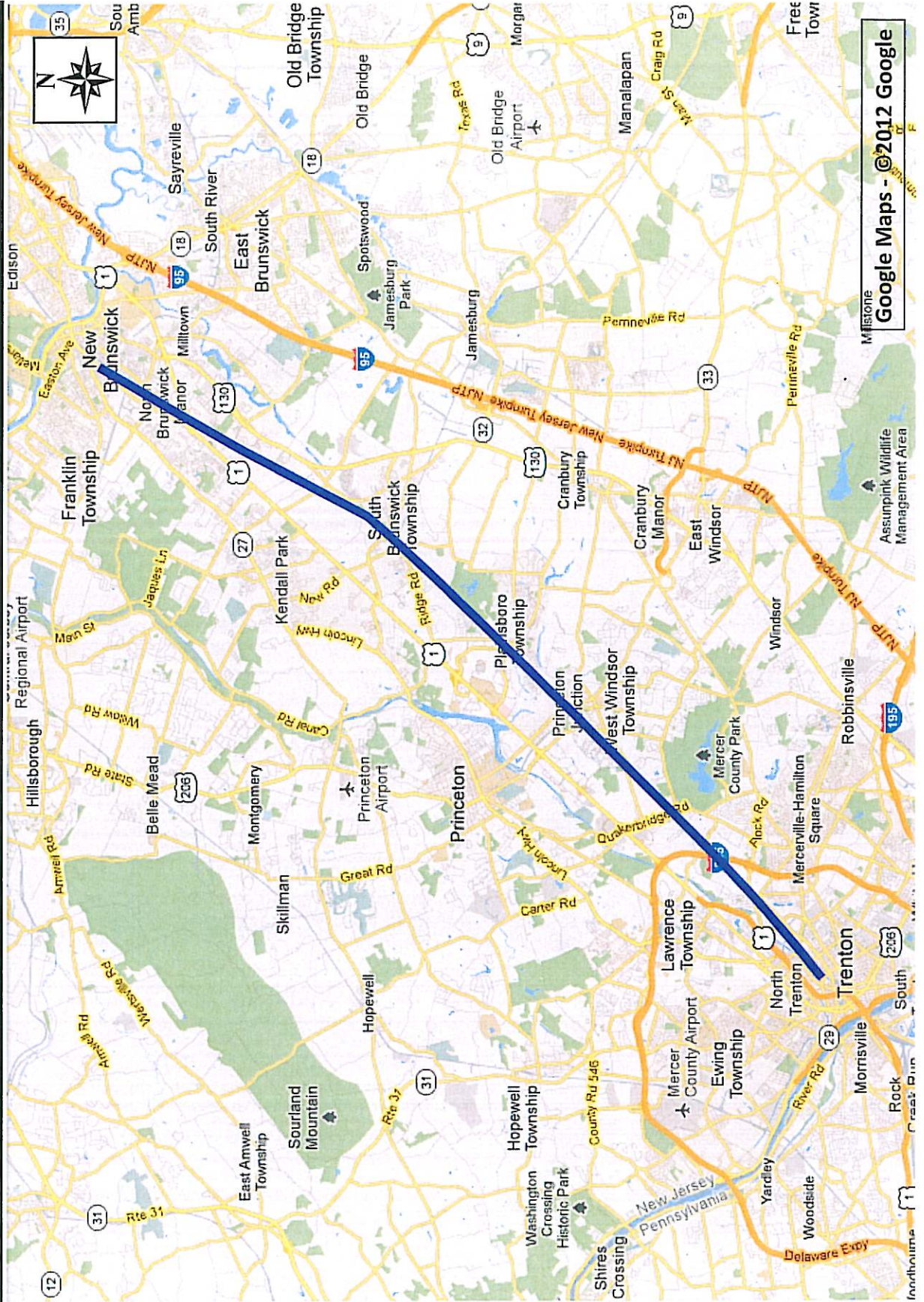
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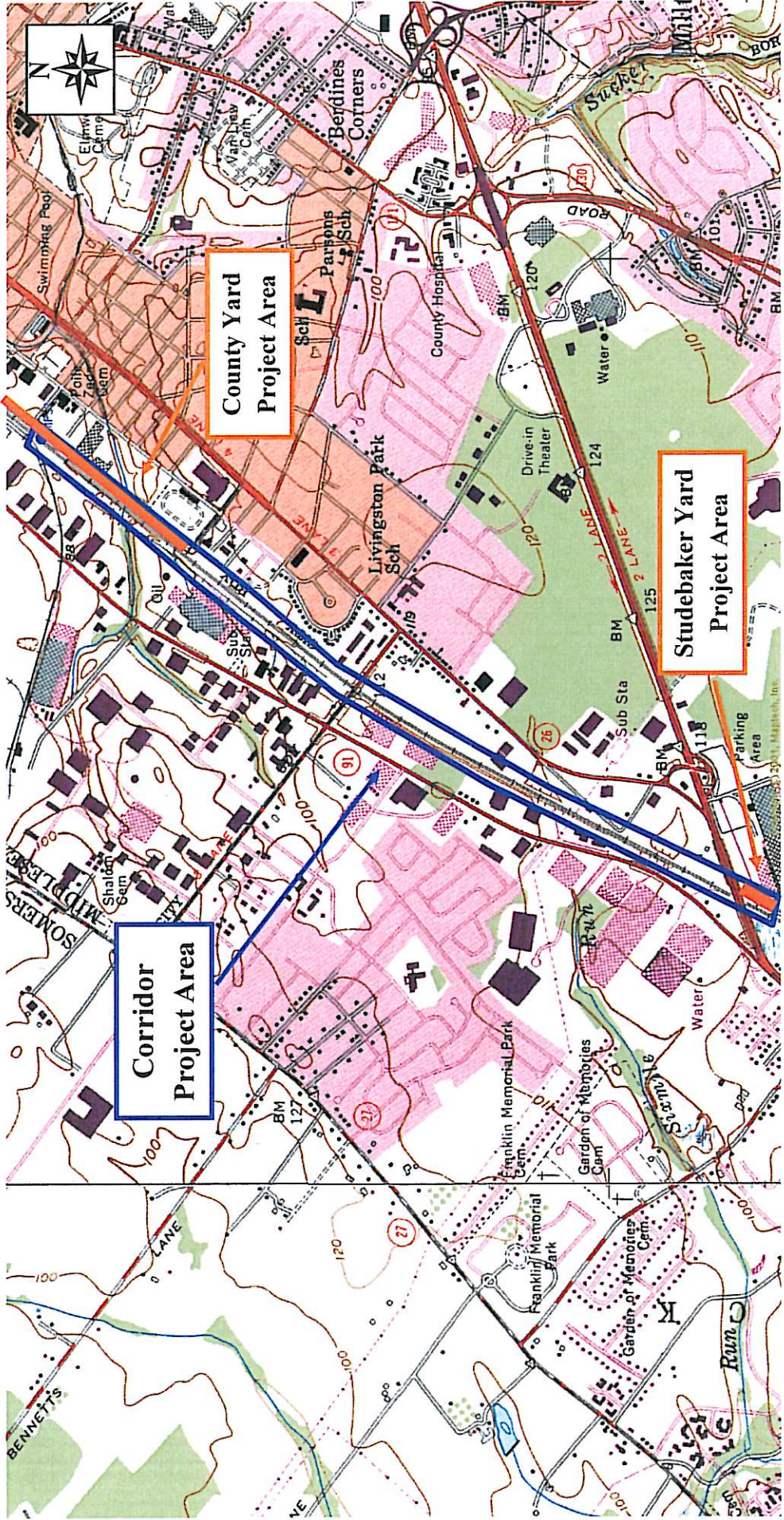
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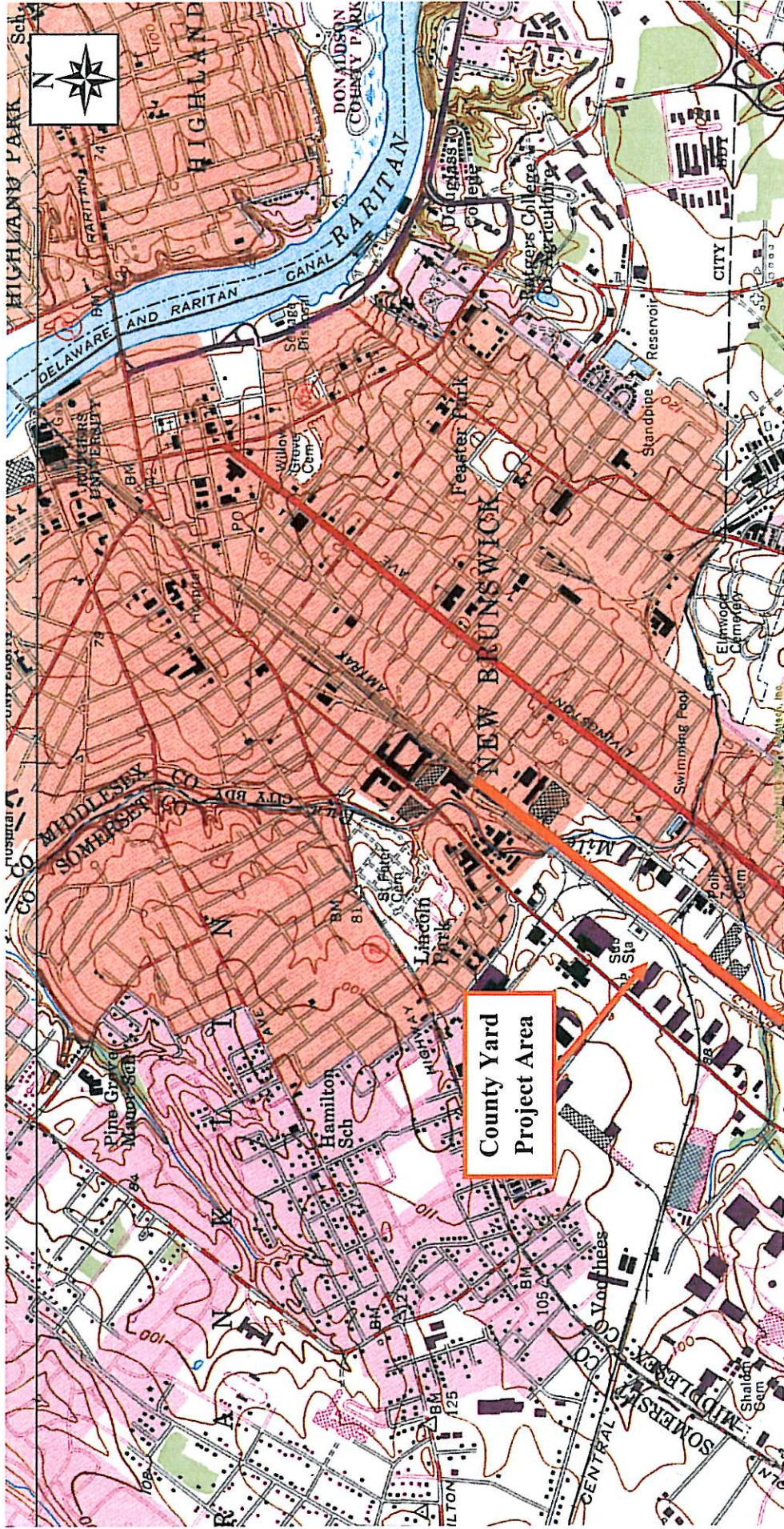
Project Corridor Map New Jersey High Speed Rail Improvement Project Northeast Corridor



1954/1981 New Brunswick, NJ USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle
New Jersey High Speed Rail Improvement Project
Northeast Corridor



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PUBLIC OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

NEW JERSEY HIGH SPEED RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Federal Railroad Administration / Amtrak / NJ TRANSIT

_____ I am aware of the following architectural or archeological resources within the vicinity of the proposed project:

_____ I recommend you consult the following historic resources (i.e. primary or secondary source documents):

_____ The following individuals and or organizations have relevant knowledge or documents which may be useful in evaluating the project area's history:

_____ I would like to be kept informed of future opportunities for public input into this project's Section 106 review process.

_____ I would like a copy of the cultural resources report. When it is ready, please send it to me as:

Paper Copy CD

Form Completed By:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Please return form to: Nancy L. Zerbe
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